

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission (BPC) Meeting

October 9, 2025, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:34 PM and adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Kathy Marchant, and Stephen Brown. Town Clerk, Cathy Mander-Adams, and Belvidere resident, Tyler Barber also attended in person at the TCO; no changes to the agenda.

Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of September 11, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Discussion of the status of disposition of the Belvidere Central School (BCS) by LNMUUSD:

- Tyler reported that the Village Trust Initiative site visit was positive overall
- The Belvidere Community Trust (BCT) is finalizing its organization as a 501c3 community group, with a board of directors established, and bylaws drafted; BCT will be establishing its own banking accounts next week
- BCT has received its first fundraiser donations in the form of the September proceeds from the Waterville Community Church's monthly "Route 109 Supper"
- Ken announced that the Belvidere Selectboard has reached out to Deb Clark from LNMUUSD for her answers to Tyler's questions regarding the property transfer timeline, no response from Ms. Clark yet
- Cathy announced the agenda for the next school board meeting includes an item to discuss the BCS property transfer

Municipal Planning Grant discussion:

Motion by Stephen for the BPC clerk to send a letter of recommendation to the Belvidere Selectboard to move forward with applying for this year's Municipal Planning Grant in the amount of \$12,000.00 to assist the Belvidere Community Trust with further development of plans for reuse, comprehensive planning, and technical assistance from LCPC, regarding the transfer of BCS property from the LNMUUSD to the Town; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Current town development issues: Ken reported that Lamoille County Forester, Emily Potter, will meet with the Selectboard on October 15th to finalize the management plan for the Belvidere Town Forest; no updates regarding the playground equipment project

Other business: consensus of group to reschedule November's meeting to **Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025**, due to the planned absence of one or more members of the Planning Commission on Nov. 13th.

Motion by Kathy to adjourn at 7:17 PM; 2nd by Stephen; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **November 20, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.